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Application of

Applicants : Kurt F. Brandstadt et al.
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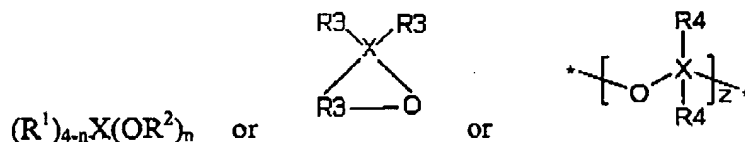
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2006. In that Action, the Examiner required election directed to what the Examiner identified as three "patentably distinct" species:

- I. Election of one species of hydrolase enzyme from among: lipase, protease, phosphoesterase, esterase, or cutinase;
- II. Election of one atom from between silicon and germanium (which are the values of X in claim 1); and
- III. Election one of the chemical formulas depicted in claims 1, 16 and 31, either



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Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the following "species:"

- I. protease enzyme;
- II. silicon; and
- III. $(R^1)_{4-n}X(OR^2)_n$

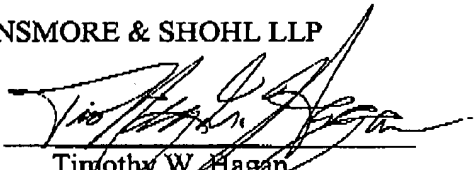
Applicants submit that claims 1, 3-16, and 18-32 read on the elected species I, claims 1-32 read on the elected species II, and claims 1-32 read on elected species III. Applicants submit that these claims should receive substantive action by the Examiner.

Applicants await a substantive action from the Examiner in her next communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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